

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated below. The language being added is underlined (“ ”) and the language being deleted contains strikethrough (“”):

In the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 3:

Further describing the example illustration of the protocol depicted in FIG. 6, it is assumed that more than one node attempts to transmit a packet in slot i . Each node that hears this data transmission asserts the feedback signal by the end of slot i . When the MAC address match fails, all nodes deassert the feedback signal. The transmitting ~~node~~ stops its nodes stop their transmission when they find that the feedback signal is not asserted at the end of slot $i + 1$. In slot j , when only one node transmits, the feedback signal continues to be asserted after the receiver detection interval, and the packet transmission is completed.